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IN CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL DAHDAH OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, LATTER INFORMED ME THAT GOL HAD INSTRUCTED
AMBASSADOR KABBANI TO REQUEST EXTENSION OF LEBANESE-US
CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT UNTIL MAY 27, 1977. HE SAID HE WOULD BE
MOST GRATEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD USE ITS GOOD OFFICE TO OBTAIN
DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF REQUEST. HE EXPLAINED THAT PRESENT
CABINET WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY ABSORBED IN RECONSTRUCTION
PROBLEMS AND IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE RE-NEGOTIATION OF
THE AGREEMENT COULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL MAY. COMMENT:
GIVEN WHAT THE LEBANESE HAVE BEEN THROUGH, AND THE
RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT THEY ARE WORKING ON NOW, GOL REQUEST
SEEMS REASONABLE. I HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN MEET GOL REQUEST
AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S
POSITION ON EXTENSION.
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